In The Specification

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On Page 4, please replace "DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION" with --BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On Page 13, please replace the paragraph following BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS, with the following paragraphs:

FIG. 1 is a diagram to which reference will be made in explaining the SDTI-CP format.

FIG. 2 is a diagram showing an arrangement of a header provided within an ancillary data portion of the SDTI-CP format.

FIG. 3 is a diagram showing a fundamental arrangement of a contents package.

FIG. 4 is a diagram showing the layout of a contents package using GOP of the MPEG-2.

FIG. 5 is a diagram showing an arrangement of an SDTI variable-length block.

FIG. 6 is a diagram showing an arrangement of a system item.

FIG. 7 is a diagram showing an arrangement of a time code standardized as the SMPTE-12M.

FIG. 8 is a diagram showing an arrangement of a metadata set.

FIGS. 9A to 9C are diagrams showing an arrangement of "Item Metadata Block".

FIG. 10 is a diagram showing arrangements of picture, audio and ancillary data items.

FIG. 11 is a diagram showing an example of an MPEG-2 V-ES format in the SDTI-CP element frame.

FIG. 12 is a diagram showing an arrangement of an 8-channel AES-3 element.

FIG. 13 is a diagram to which reference will be made in explaining a 5-frame sequence.

FIGS. 14A to 14C are diagrams to which reference will be made in explaining MPEG-2 image editing metadata.

FIGS. 15A to 5D are diagrams to which reference will be made in explaining audio editing metadata.

FIG. 16 is a block diagram showing an example of a transmission system of an SDTI-CP stream.

FIG. 17 is a block diagram showing an arrangement of a main portion of a reproducing system provided within a storage device.

FIG. 18 is a diagram showing an example of 2-bit editing point information.

FIG. 19 is a diagram to which reference will be made in explaining the switching of SDTI-CP stream.

FIG. 20 is a diagram used to explain the manner in which a discontinuity of a value of "Continuity Count" will occur due to the switching of stream.

FIG. 21 is a block diagram showing a portion concerning the correction of "Edit flag" in the SDTI-CP interface.

FIGS. 22A to 22F are diagrams to which reference will be made in explaining the 5-frame sequence obtained when audio data is block-divided.

FIG. 23 is a diagram to which reference will be made in explaining the manner in which an audio gap will occur due to the switching of stream.

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On Page 15, please replace "BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE

INVENTION" with --DETAILED DESCRIPTIONOF THE INVENTION--